House District 30

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DATE OF BIRTH: January 29, 1980

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 20 years I have been a resident of Anchorage for 20 years, 10 of those years within the Abbott Loop community.

OCCUPATION:

REALTOR® Assistant, working on obtaining my realtor licenses

EDUCATION:

Graduate of Seller Secondary, class of 1998. I am attending University of Alaska Anchorage, as a declared Justice Major.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Member of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), active within the Alaska Pro-Choice Alliance (APCA), Planned Parenthood of Alaska, and the Democratic Party.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Tennis, softball, snowboarding, camping, hiking, fishing, golf, canoeing, studying, and family.

STATEMENT:

I would appreciate the opportunity to be your voice for positive change in the state legislature. I support the following

<u>Education</u>: Fully funding and inflation proofing education. During the past ten years, the state has reduced its percentage of education costs in Anchorage from 70% to 58%.

Fiscal Plan: A responsible long-term fiscal plan. I support a bi-partisan approach to generating this plan with public input and approval.

<u>Rehabilitation:</u> Drug use in Alaska is a serious problem that does not get enough support from the state. We need to expand drug rehabilitation.

<u>Oil development:</u> Responsible development and taxes. I do not support tax rebates for oil companies while cutting funding to local governments and schools.

<u>Municipal assistance:</u> The state should restore municipal assistance cuts for law enforcement, roads, and schools. Cuts during the last four years have resulted in dramatic increases in our local property taxes.

<u>Health Care:</u> The state has eliminated eligibility for health care coverage for half of the children of poor families in Alaska. All Alaskan children deserve access to health care.

This is a critical election for Alaskans; fiscal reserves of the state are projected to run out within the next two years. We have known this problem has been coming for years, yet nothing has been done. This jeopardizes funding for seniors, children, health care, education, and law enforcement. If elected, I will seek changes to address the needs of our community and for the state to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

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